from Peples' Republic of China. The said anti-dumping duty has been imposed provisionally, pending final determination and shall be effective upto 1st July, 2003;

2. CSB operates Raw Material Banks and provides Margin Money loan to the State Marketing Agencies to ensure fair price to primary farmers. Besides, in the major markets, State Government Agencies such as the Karnataka Silk Marketing Board play a stabilizing role by their presence in the Market;

3. During 2002-03 some State Governments formulated a short duration Scheme for providing incentive of Rs. 10/- per kg. of cocoons to farmers on cost sharing basis by the Centre and the respective State in the ratio of 50:50, order to provide relief to farmers from falling prices and encourage them to continue in sericulture; and

4. During the Tenth plan period enhanced plan provision over the Ninth plan period has been made *i.e.* Rs. 450/- crores for development of Research & Technology and implementation of Central and Centrally Sponsored programmes. Under the Central & Centrally sponsored programmes, Central Silk Board assists the State Governments and beneficiaries by way of grants-in-aid and technology support for quality and quantitative enhancement of production of silk.

Units of textiles industries

†4328. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI;
SHRI LAJPAT RAI:

Will the Minister of state for TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) Whether Government have made an assessment of number of units of cottage industries, small scale industries and heavy industries in textiles stitching industry;

(b) if so, the number of units of each of the above said sectors in the country during 2002;

(c) the average number of persons working in the units of each sector: and

(d) the average annual production in monetary terms in the units of each of these sector?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI BASANGOUDA R. PATIL): (a) to (c) The textile industry is predominantly in decentralized sector and as such authentic information with regard to number of units in different segments is not available. However, the approximate details of number of units and average number of persons working in units in cotton/man-made fibre textile mill sector, decentralized powerloom sector, SSI Spinning mills as on 31st Dec. 2002 are as under:

S. No.	Item	No. of units	Average no. of employees
1.	Cotton/Man-made fibre textile mill (Non-SSI)	2075	497
2.	Cotton/Man-made fibre spinning mill (SSI)	1117	36
3.	Man-made fibre and filament yarn industry	87	782
4.	Decentralised Powerloom sector	377164	11

(d) No data is available about the average annual production in monetary terms.

Closure of Elgin Company

†4329. SHRI RAMA SHANKER KAUSHIK : Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) by when Kanpur based closed Elgin Company would become operational again;

(b) the manner in which VRS offered by the company and workers' future will be determined;

(c) the explanation for payment under VRS; and

(d) whether there is any scheme for future with regard to workers' employment after VRS offered to them by the company?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI BASANGOUDA R. PATIL): (a) Elgin Mills Co. Ltd., Kanpur was found unviable and is under orders of liquidation. A proposal for revival of one of the two units is *sub-judice*.

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